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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Port of Brownsville Vessel Suitability Analysis and Feasibility Community Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Port of Brownsville located at 1000 Foust Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521.

The funding would be used to plan and prepare infrastructure improvements that improve the Port's ability to support larger vessels with greater tonnage. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase the region, state, and nation's economic development opportunities, maintain existing jobs, create new ones, improve navigation and operational safety, modernize port infrastructure, and identify a range of nonstructural and structural options to support the Port's future navigation and infrastructure improvements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Vicente Gonzalez  
Member of Congress